Oil pollution Sa Bombay Port

1854. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the mysterious oil Spill in Bombay Harbour towards the and of September, 1987 and beginning of October, 1987;

(b) what are the reasons of such mysterious oil spill;

(c) what is the amount spent by Bombay Port Trust for the clean-up operations;

(d) what is the estimated cost of marine life; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to prevent any snch problem in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Bombay Port Trust has intimated that there were reports of oil pollution in September and October, **1987.**

(b) The reasons of the oil spill have not yet been established.

ve) Bombay Port Trust has spent ipproximately a sum of Rs. 20.000 for leaning of oil spillage inside the dock aasin.

id) it is difficult to quantify the loss f marine life.

(e) Bombay Port Trust proposes to uy an anti pollution vessel to combat ich situations.

PCOs in the country

18,55. .SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: I! the Minister of COMMUNICA-)NS be pleased to state :

a) the total number of public call tele-ties in the country alongwith the num-of automatic public call telephones manivsd telephones separately;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of public call telephones; and

(5) if so, what are ihe detaiis in this regard 'and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRl SANTOSH MOHAN DEV), (a) to (c) The information is being coilected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Promotion of tourism in Madhya Pradesh

1856. SHRl AJIT P. K. JOGI: Wi Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) what are the fresh steps the Gov ernment have taken for the promotion of tourism in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether there 's any proposal to or ganise a conducted tour of Khajuraho temples, Kanha National Park 'and Tabal pur marble rocks for foreign and indian tourists if so, the details thereof;

(c) at what places tourists lodge- and hotels are proposed to be constructed in Madhya Pradesh for giving a boost to tourism; and

(d) whether hotels to provide cheap ac commodation to domestic tourists also be constructed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINTSTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The Department of Tourism undertakes promotion of India as a whole covering all the States. As far as Madhya Pradesh is concerned, the following tourist literature has been brought out during 1986-87.

1. Bhopal-Sanchi-Mandu folder
2. Bhopal-Sanchi-Mandu directory
3. Khajuraho folder
4. Khajuraho directory

Madhy.i Pradesh is also covered i,n the general printed publicity material, films and advertisements etc. An advertise ment on 'Mandu' part of the Departmtnt's domestic campaign iu al! mainr

The Department arranges visits of foreign travel agents, tour operators and media representatives to various tourist centres in Madhya Pradesh also, so as to familiarise them with the tourist attractions of the State.

(b) The Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Coorpation is organising conducted Khajuraho temple;. Kanha National Park and marble rocks of Jabalpur *on* a regular basis. These tours are available to both domestic and foreign tourists.

(c) and (d) Government of India have already in principle agreed to provide assistance for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Gwal˙or. Three Yatrikas at Amarkantak, Chitrakoot and Onkareshwat have already been completed and a fourth one at Maheshwar already sanctioned. A 24-bedded Forest Lodge at Bandhavgarh is under construction.

Smuggling on SCI vessels

1857. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is grow ing menace of smuggling on Shipping Cor poration of India vessels;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Bombay customs authorities have taken stringent measures against the erring crew members and the Shipping Corporation of India;

(e) if so, what are the detai's in this regard: and

(d) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT); (a) The number of smuggling incidents on the vessels of Shipping Corporation of lndia Ltd. is on the decrease.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected.

(d) Strict instructions have been issued by the SCI to shins' indulge/engage in smuggling 'activities ana varioug notices concerning the same have been pasted in the accommodation of all the SO vessels. Deterrent penalties have been imposed on personnel who are found to be involved in smuggling.

Abearance of Kalazar in Bihar

1858. SHRl S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Mmister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that Kalajar h.is made its 'appearance in some districts ol Bihar and as many as 10.000 people has been affected by it;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the medicines required for this disease are to be imported and this is proving to be an impediment in tackling the problem;

wether the Central Government would come forward to assist the State Government with medicines and also draw, up a national plan for eradication of this disease; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof: and if not, ihe reasons for delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes.

(b) The drug of choice for Ihe ment of Kala-azar is Sodium Antimony Gluconate which is indigenously manufactured and is available in the country. The cases who are resistant to Antimony Compound require Pentamidine which is not manufactured in the country. The number of such cases ranges between 7-8 per cent. 1800 ampoules of Pentamidine were made available to the Government of Bihar through trie W.H.O, during **1986.**

(c) and (d) Consequent to the mendations of the Group of Experts on Kala-azar constituted by the Government of India, it has been proposed to take up anti-Kala-'aza,- activities in Bihar and West an extention of Nation:!! ria Eradication Programme on 50. basis